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Governor's Office for New Americans announces new Senior Advisor and Skilled Immigrant Integration Program (SIIP) Officer

LAS VEGAS, NV – The Nevada Governor's Office for New Americans (ONA) announced the addition of Vincent Nava as their new Senior Advisor and Grecia S. Perez-Rodriguez who will serve in the newly created role of Skilled Immigrant Integration Program (SIIP) Officer.

"I am very excited to welcome Vincent and Grecia to our team," **said Charina de Asis, Director of Governor's Office for New Americans.** "They both bring exceptional skills, knowledge, and understanding from their professional careers and lived experiences that will propel our progress in promoting civic and economic opportunities for Nevada's diverse immigrant communities."

As Senior Advisor, Vincent will advocate and advise the State on best practices and policies that provide further integration and inclusion to Nevada's immigrant, refugee, and aspiring American communities. In addition to his primary role, Vincent will also serve as the designated Diversity and Inclusion Liaison for the Nevada Governor's Office for New Americans.

Prior to his current role, he held various positions within state service. Most notably serving as Governor Sisolak's Press Assistant and as Nevada State College's (NSC) Program Coordinator for the Office of Community Engagement and Diversity Initiatives. Vincent is a native Nevadan and a son of immigrants whose professional work has revolved in aiding Nevada's

immigrant communities. He obtained his Master of Public Administration and Bachelor of Political Science from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Grecia joins the team as the Governor's Office for New Americans' first-ever Program Officer for Skilled Immigrant Integration Program (SIIP). This initiative was made possible thanks to an ongoing partnership with World Education Service's (WES) Skilled Immigrant Integration Program. In conjunction with community partners, Grecia's work will seek to facilitate the pathways of workforce integration and development of Nevada's skilled immigrant population.

Grecia comes to ONA after five years of working for the Consulate of Mexico in Las Vegas in the Consular Protection Department, where she built a background in community engagement, case management, and immigrant empowerment. Grecia is a skilled immigrant with a Law Degree from the Universidad del Valle de Mexico and is currently a candidate for the Emergency and Crisis Management graduate program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

"Vincent and Grecia are the right people for the job, and I am proud to see them join the Governor's Office for New Americans growing team," **said Governor Sisolak.** "The knowledge Vincent brings and Grecia's focus on integrating Nevada's high skilled immigrant community will only strengthen Nevada's continued focus on building our workforce and expanding opportunities for all Nevadans. I have said it before, and I will say it again, Nevada will always be a welcoming place for all as our diversity is undoubtedly our strength in this State."

The Nevada Governor's Office for New Americans (ONA) was created to promote the inclusion and integration of immigrants, refugees, and aspiring Americans into the civic, economic, and cultural life of Nevada. ONA works to bridge the world of state government and the complex changes in immigration policy that affect all Nevadans. By breaking down bureaucratic barriers that often hinder economic self-sufficiency and civic integration, ONA is working to make Nevada an even more welcoming state for all. For more information about ONA visit our website at ona.nv.gov.